

REMARKS

In the Office Action of August 11, 2004, the Examiner's allowed Claims 1-4 and 9-25 of the above-identified application. Applicants expect that the Examiner will continue to allow these claims.

In the same Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 26-35 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Togashi et al. In response, Applicants traversed that rejection, amended Claims 26 and 31, and explained why the claims were allowable over the cited reference.

In reply to Applicants response, the Examiner has issued a restriction requirement.

While Applicants continue to believe that Claims 26-35 are allowable, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants have elected Claims 1-4 and 9-25. As these claims have all previously been allowed, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in a condition for allowance.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants are filing an information disclosure statement (IDS) herewith. It is respectfully requested that this IDS be entered and considered prior to the issuance of any further action on this application.

If any further fee should be due for this IDS, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Conclusion

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 24, 2005

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mark J. Murphy', written over a horizontal line.

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